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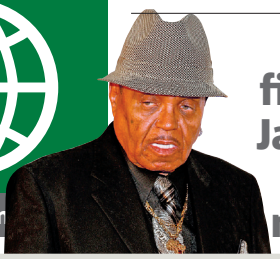

Father files for Jackson estate money

Student expelled after wearing minidress to class

CONTROVERSY A Brazilian university expelled a woman who was heckled by hundreds of fellow students when she wore a short, pink dress to class, taking out newspaper ads Sunday to publicly accuse her of immorality.

The private Bandeirante University in Sao Bernardo do Campo said 20-year-old Geisy Arruda disrespected "ethical principles, academic dignity and morality."

Arruda made headlines last month when she had to be escorted away by police after she tried to go to class wearing the minidress. She put on a professor's white coat and left amid a hail of insults. Video of the Oct. 22 incident was posted on YouTube and picked up by Brazilian TV. Arruda has since appeared on TV, saying she is struggling to return to normal life.

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Artist recreates world in holograms

Over the weekend, the National Gallery of Canada opened David Hoffos: Scenes from the House Dream. In a series of 20 installations, the Montreal-born, Lethbridge-based artist combines low-tech holograms with techniques to create vignettes where characters are caught in time and space. The exhibition serves as a synopsis of the artist's signature illusionistic techniques that he has perfected over 17 years. The exhibit runs through Feb. 14, 2010. METRO OTTAWA

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Food, wine show stirs tastes

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Copper Kettle Chocolate Company owner Sue Burgess, left, and staff member Melissa Ruetz arrange delicacies yesterday at their booth at the Ottawa Wine and Food Show at Lansdowne Park.

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We're educated and for a large part, we've got a bit of cash to spare. And when we do, we're not afraid to spend it on wine and good food.

"Ottawa can boast one of the highest household incomes and one of the highest education levels of any city," said Ottawa Wine and Food Show producer Joan Culliton.

Whether or not it's related, more than 25,000 people came out to the 24th annual show at Lansdowne Park over the weekend — a three per cent increase over last year.

"People who come to shows like this are sophisticated in terms of what they like," agreed Sue Burgess, owner of the Copper Kettle Chocolate Company.

"And Ottawa is a sophisticated city. People here enjoy very good food, and in general, are more discerning," added Burgess, who makes delicacies, including chocolates and truffles, in small batches and by hand in Picton, Ont.

The show is an opportunity for people not only to sample new wines and wine and food pairings, but to learn, said Culliton.

Attendees got to watch over 20 chefs at work in kitchen demonstrations, and get the recipes after.

"To me, it's about learning and having a good time while you're at it," said Culliton.

"They can take what they experience here and carry it forward."

News in brief

TOUCHING Police are seeking a South Asian male after two teenaged females were inappropriately touched while waiting for buses on Steeplechase Drive in Kanata.

CHARGES Police charged a man with assault-related offences after a disturbance in the Castlefrank Road area Thursday, when they received a call from a male saying he had been chased by a person holding a weapon.

PROSTITUTION Police charged nine people with offences including communicating for the purpose of prostitution, mischief and drug trafficking following a prostitution sweep in Lowertown and Vanier last week. METRO OTTAWA

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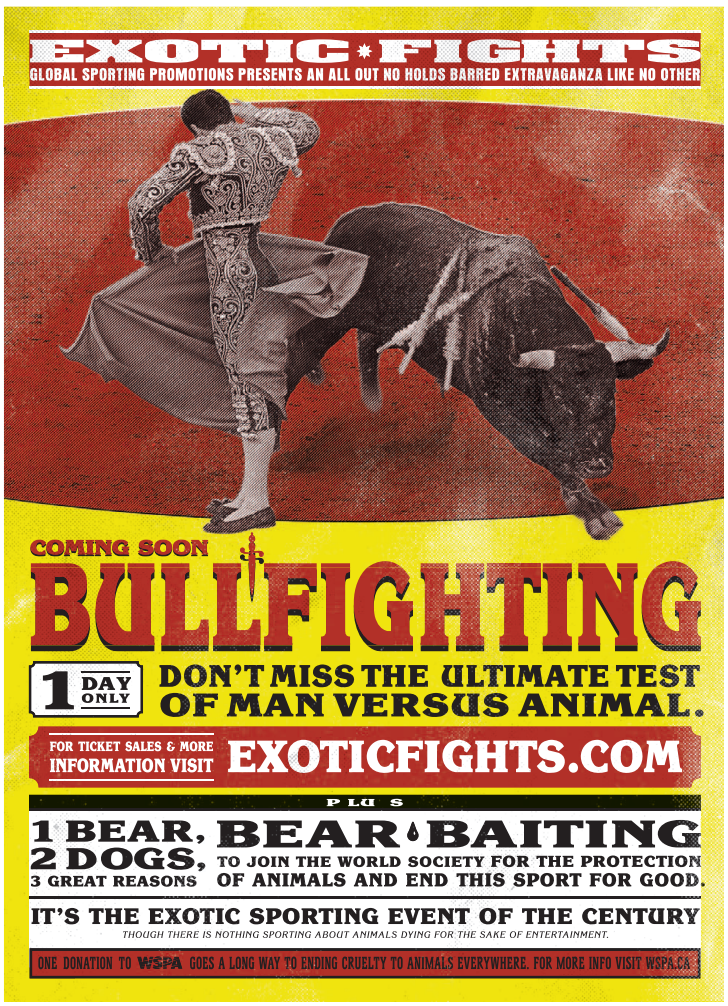

Sarkozy posts picture of him tearing down Berlin Wall

French President Nicolas Sarkozy has posted on Facebook a photo of himself chipping away at the Berlin Wall and a brief reminiscence about the fall of the wall 20 years ago. The photo shows a younger Sarkozy taking what appears to be a small pickax to the graffiti-covered wall on Nov. 9, 1989. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Canada/World

Rough day for Liberals?

Liberals expect to be shut out of four federal byelections today and their rivals are already positioning the results as a rejection of Michael Ignatieff's shaky leadership.

The contests will most likely amount to a confirmation of the status quo, with the Bloc Québécois hanging on to two ridings in Quebec, New Democrats holding on to another in British Columbia and the Tories reclaiming a Nova Scotia riding that had been a longtime stronghold until Bill Casey, a former Conservative MP, captured it as an independent in 2008.

But all four races are sufficiently tight that they could conceivably produce upset victories for the Conservatives and the NDP.

In many respects, the more interesting battles are over second place, with both the Tories and NDP hoping that strong finishes will give them that most precious of political commodities: momentum.

By contrast, the Liberals don't appear to be factors in any of the races.

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Steroids dumped in St. Lawrence: Docs

MONTREAL GAMES After injecting athletes with performance-boosting drugs at the Montreal Olympics, East German officials dumped the leftover serum and syringes in the St. Lawrence River, newly uncovered documents indicate.

East Germany startled the world at the 1976 Games by capturing 40 gold medals, second only to the powerhouse Soviet Union. After the fall of the Berlin Wall 20 years ago this month, revelations of widespread doping emerged, leading to criminal trials and compensation for athletes unwittingly dosed with steroids.

A chance discovery in the Berlin archives of the notorious Stasi, the East German secret police, led University of Waterloo history professor Gary Bruce to a file on the spy service's operations at the Montreal Games. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Smitherman eyes Toronto City Hall

POLITICS George Smitherman has stepped down from Premier Dalton McGuinty's cabinet to run for mayor of Toronto next fall. Smitherman, who has mused about a municipal bid for months, made it official at McGuinty's home yesterday, tendering his resignation as deputy premier. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Germans celebrate unity

Festivities to mark 20th anniversary of fall of Berlin Wall

Twenty years ago today, they danced atop the Berlin Wall, feet thudding on the cold concrete, arms raised in victory, hands clasped in friendship and giddy hope.

On that cold night, years of separation and anxiety melted into the unbelievable reality of freedom and a future without border guards, secret police, informers and rigid communist control.

This weekend, Germans celebrate with concerts boasting Beethoven and Bon Jovi; a memorial service for the 136 people killed trying to cross over from 1961 to 1989; candle lightings and 1,000 towering plastic foam dominoes to be placed along the wall's route and tipped over.

On Nov. 9, 1989, East Germans came in droves, riding their sputtering Trabants, motorcycles and rickety bicycles. Hundreds, then thousands, then hundreds of thousands crossed over the following days.

Stores in West Berlin stayed open late and banks gave out 100 Deutschemarks in "welcome money," then worth about $50, to each East German visitor.

The party lasted four days and by Nov. 12 more than three million of East Germany's 16.6 million people had visited, nearly a third of them to West Berlin, the rest through gates opening up along the rest of the fenced, mined frontier that cut their country in two.

Sections of the nearly 155 kilometres of wall were pulled down and knocked over. Tourists chiselled off chunks to keep as souvenirs. Tearful families reunited. Bars gave out free drinks. Strangers kissed and toasted each other with champagne.

Klaus-Hubert Fugger, a student at the Free University in West Berlin, was having drinks at a pub when people began coming "who looked a bit different."

Customers bought the visitors round after round. By midnight, instead of going home, Fugger and three others took a taxi to the Brandenburg Gate, long a no man's land, and scaled the 12-foot wall with hundreds of others.

The wall which stood for 28 years is mostly gone. Some parts still stand, at an outdoor art gallery or as part of an open-air museum. The only reminder of it are a series of inlaid bricks that trace its path.

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This Nov. 12, 1989 file photo shows Berliners celebrating on top of the wall as East Germans flood through the dismantled Berlin Wall into West Berlin at Potsdamer Platz.

Guard remembers

- Harald Jaeger was a loyal East German border guard — respected and trusted to command a crossing point to the west on Berlin's Bornholmer Strasse. So when his checkpoint was swarmed on the evening of Nov. 9, 1989, as East Germany announced the border was being opened after 28 years, Jaeger felt ashamed as he let the thousands pass through. "It was terrible because I realized that the party and the government had let me down and that my own colleagues did not stand behind me," he said. "And particularly, my ideology completely fell apart back then." Two decades later the 66-year-old Jaeger now sees things differently.

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Tipping dominoes to symbolize former wall

BERLIN Massive colourful dominoes painted by German students have been placed along the former path of the Berlin Wall to mark the 20th anniversary of the opening of the barrier that divided the city for nearly three decades.

Many of the upright 7.5-foot-high plastic foam dominoes carried messages, including "We are one people." The approximately 1,000 dominoes stretching for 1.5 kilometres will be toppled today as part of wider celebrations of the wall's fall.

Former Polish leader Lech Walesa, whose pro-democracy movement Solidarity played a key role in ending communism in Eastern Europe, is to tip the first domino today as the artistic display comes toppling down.

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All aboard the Headbanger Express

OC Transpo competes with other modes of transportation, notably the car, and yet sometimes seems intent on selling as many cars as possible. I know at least one it sold this fall after route changes added just enough extra inconvenience to a friend's commute to send him scrambling to a dealership.

Ridership has not quite recovered from last winter's strike, and yet next summer, Transpo will see how many more customers it can chase away with yet another increase in its fares, already among the highest in Canada.

The proposed hike, averaging 7.5 per cent this time, will fall most heavily on students and seniors, incidentally two of the biggest users of transit, not always by choice.

This time, OC Transpo wants to jack the price of a monthly student pass to $73.75 (a 12.3 per cent increase) and that of a senior's monthly pass to $36 (13.4 per cent). Chasing new revenue by boosting ridership just seems like such a bother compared to simply soaking one's existing captive audience, doesn't it?

The bus offers several advantages over the car. It's safer, greener, and allows riders to read or otherwise make productive use of their commute. If you want to see the bus beat the car hands down, though, take, as I did, one of OC Transpo's "Connexion 400" special event routes to Scotiabank Place.

The 403 to last week's Metallica concert picked me up downtown about 6:19. The jam-packed Headbanger Express arrived at 6:59, a minute before show time. One guy asked me about getting back home. I shrugged and told him it would be tricky. I was wrong. After the final encore, the buses were massed and waiting.

Compare this to the motorist's experience, idling in sclerotic event-night traffic without the benefit of transit lanes, then lining up and paying for the privilege of parking. And getting home? Scotiabank Place estimates it takes about half an hour for each of its parking lots to empty on an event night and advises motorists to sit back and have a coffee while the traffic jam clears.

On the bus trip home, it was hard to believe it was Ottawa. People were actually talking to strangers. Discussions ranged from Metallica's least-loved album to the local strip club most favoured by the members of Motley Crue.

Could anyone have this much fun driving their minivan to Metallica?

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Views

More reasons to remember November

Last week, I invited readers to write in with thoughts on the all-important question, "November: What is it good for?" Here are the results.

Seventy per cent agreed there's no excuse for November. Ten per cent asked for more jokes about the Toronto Maple Leafs.

Five per cent offered November trivia, including Dale (Ottawa), who reports, "When Julius Caesar changed the calendar from 10 months to 12 he left the name of November, which means 'nine,' the same even though it was now the 11th month."

Which just goes to prove that Julius couldn't deal with November either.

An impressive 15 per cent of those who wrote in were actually able to come up with reasons to love November. Here's a sampling.

Kathryn in Calgary writes: Thank you so much for letting us know that calories consumed in November don't count. I immediately upsized to an extra-large latte. You were serious about that, right?

Um ... sure ...

Anshul, from Edmonton, says: I love November because it's the anniversary of when I immigrated to Canada from southern India. In the taxi from the airport I could see snow blowing sideways and I was shivering so hard I thought I'd got sick. I asked the driver if the weather was always like this. He said, "Oh no. Sometimes it gets really wintery." I almost went right back home.

Ah yes, fond memories.

Katrina writes from Victoria: I love November because it means that in just three months there will be spring flowers in my garden.

OK, from now on, when it's a weather-related question no one from Victoria is included.

John (Toronto): You've forgotten the most important event of November. Remembrance Day. Our chance to remember and to thank those who gave their lives for us.

Yeah and ... no. There's no way to make that funny. Thank you, John.

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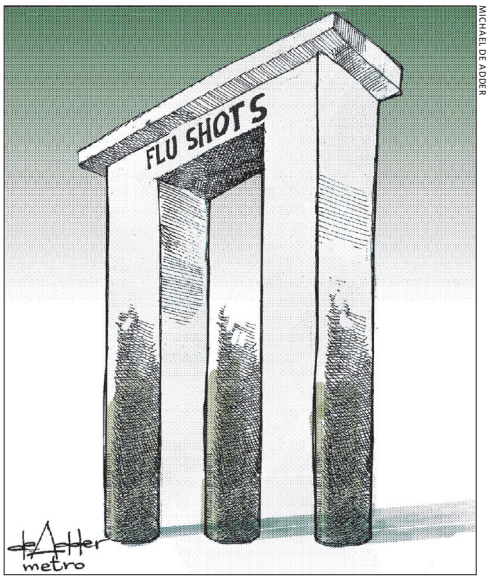

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'Sustainable' syndrome

Everyone uses it, but what does the S-word really mean?

In the '60s, it was groovy. In the '90s, it was radical. It seems every decade has a trendy word that can either stick in the popular lexicon or quickly become dated or lose its meaning. One word that's getting a lot of use these days is "sustainable."

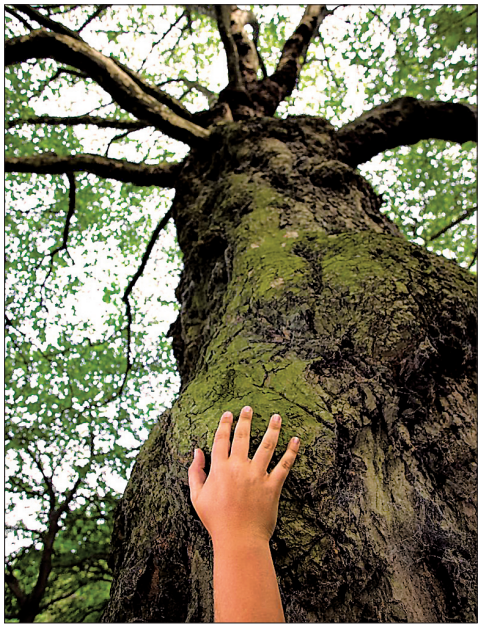
The dictionary definition states "to be able to maintain at a certain rate or level." However, in the last few years, it's turned into a marketing buzzword that is used to hawk everything from cereal to travel packages. And some young environmentalists wonder if the word's well-intentioned meaning will soon be lost.

Emilia Kennedy, a Simon Fraser University master's candidate, is currently doing her thesis on this subject. The 28-year-old said it's "urgently necessary" to start raising concerns about a word that is so important, yet so broadly used.

"Sustainability is the idea of the three P's, the triple bottom line — people, profit and pandas. Or environment, equity and economy," she said. "It's the desire to do everything right, which is noble. But I started noticing that it came with problems."

Kennedy said the categories behind the word — environment, equity and economy — are being "papered over." She referred to the catchphrase "Save the Environment," stressing that it's a slogan that encompasses the entire planet.

"We live in a world with limited resources and limited time," she said. "If it came down to saving a penguin or saving a panda, which one would you pick? The word 'sustainability' doesn't offer us any tools for which to pick."



The term 'sustainable' may signify the noble intentions of saving our planet, but some young environmentalists wonder if the word's well-intentioned meaning will soon be lost.

Ultimately, Kennedy hopes her research helps her understand the political consequences of a word that is agreed upon by nearly everyone. She uses "freedom" or "democracy" as similar examples.

"It's a slippery term," she said. "Perhaps when we talk about sustainability, it might be more valuable to further qualify what we mean when we say it."

Rhianna Nagel with the Environmental Youth Alliance in Vancouver relates to Kennedy's concerns, and said she's worried that "sustainability" is too much of an "easy sell."

Nagel, 28, said she doesn't dismiss the positive aspect of the word, as it's able to attract those who might not be interested otherwise. However, she stressed the real challenge would be relaying the whole picture to that exact group.

"If it came down to saving a penguin or saving a panda, which one would you pick? The word 'sustainability' doesn't offer us any tools for which to pick."
Emilia Kennedy

"We live in a consumerist society," Nagel said. "It's tricky to know exactly how to go about getting through to people (about) what their commodities are and what they mean in terms of sustainability."

One veteran environmentalist disagrees with such criticism. John Robinson of the University of British Columbia's Department of Geography has been involved in what are now called sustainability issues since the mid-1970s. He referred to the simple language used in the United Nations as an example.

"As diplomats know, international negotiations have to use broad language to keep everyone in the room," he said. "If you define things too precisely, you lose a lot of people who have a slightly different definition."

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Year without money

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Imagine a year of self imposed exile from consumer society — life with no money. Mark Boyle has been living in a caravan, volunteering on an organic farm, using cuttlefish bone and fennel seeds as toothpaste and blogging on his solar powered laptop. And he sounds just fine.

"I planned everything carefully so it's not like it came as a shock. I began my life without money on Buy Nothing Day (buynothingday.co.uk) and I have no intention of returning to my consumer self. I'm going to use the money from a forthcoming book deal to buy a piece a land where I will set up a free community, a place where people can live without money, grow their own food and use up waste food…. That's all part of a long term plan."

Boyle studied economics (a skill he doesn't regret) at university and went on to work for several ethical businesses before realizing that in order to make a difference, he would need to fully understand what it is he was trying to change.

"I needed to reconnect with the things I consumed in order to see their repercussions. The jolt came three years ago, I was sitting with a friend, discussing world issues. You can campaign all you want but are you solving something?"

For Boyle, a typical day involves foraging for nettle leaves to make tea, cooking on a rock stove and 45 minute workouts using a breeze bloc.

"The hardest thing is the impact on my social life as not having money isn't great for female partners or friends. It's not like I can go for a pint in the pub (he's had a total of three over the past 11 months) or the cinema," says Boyle.

His year without cash officially ends on Nov. 28, but Boyle has no intention of stopping here.

"I don't miss buying, it doesn't appeal to me anymore."

Mark Boyle self-imposed exile from consumerism ends Nov. 28

His community

- Mark Boyle is the founder of the Freeconomy Community — justfortheloveofit.org

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Business

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Probe finds phantom sales in restaurants

A two-year probe of the restaurant industry in Canada has uncovered at least $40 million in "phantom" cash sales so far, says the Canada Revenue Agency.

And the amount of hidden cash income — with no taxes paid — will likely be much higher once the pilot project concludes in March, officials say.

Agency auditors are swooping in on restaurants across the country to determine whether their electronic cash registers contain illegal software that can selectively delete sales from official accounting records.

So-called zappers and phantom-ware have been around since at least the mid-1990s, but prosecutions have been few and far between. The Canada Revenue Agency launched a two-year pilot project in 2008 to better focus its investigations into the so-called "electronic suppression of sales," or ESS, by sending in teams to selected establishments to ferret out hidden software in cash-register systems.

Before the pilot began, the agency had identified 11 such cases — and has since found others, though a spokeswoman would not provide details. The new cases have been referred to enforcement officers.

"Preliminary work indicates that ESS is prevalent across Canada," Caitlin Workman said in an email.

"These are ongoing investigations, and the CRA has identified additional businesses using electronic sales suppression."

Once the pilot is complete in March and the level of fraud better estimated, the agency will launch the next enforcement phase, she added. Restaurants were chosen in the first phase because of the high volume of cash sales.

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Quebec hit hard

- The Quebec government, which is Canada's leader in hunting down cash-register fraud, estimates cheats in that province cost their treasury $425 million in 2007-2008.

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U.S. economy **Relapse**

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Vicki Adriano works at the General Motors plant in Lordstown, Ohio. Just when it was beginning to look a little better, the U.S. economy has relapsed with a return to double-digit unemployment for only the second time since the Second World War and warnings next year will be even worse than previously thought.

BlackBerry under siege as iPhone catches up

SMARTPHONE Even though the BlackBerry is the top smartphone in North America, the iPhone is right behind and other players will also put pressure on its premiere position, analysts say.

"Next year, I think will be a much bigger year for Apple and the iPhone in Canada," said IDC Canada analyst Kevin Restivo.

Bell and Telus switched on their new, advanced wireless networks this week and started selling the iPhone for the first time. Rogers had been offering the iPhone for more than a year.

Now that all three of Canada's big wireless carriers can offer the iPhone, the sexy and sought-after touchscreen phone is expected to end up in more consumers' hands.

Close to 25 per cent of Canadian consumers are expected to adopt smartphones by the year's end, said Restivo.

"As a result it (Apple) will gain share as the market grows," he said.

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Business in brief

STOCK GAINS Stock markets could be in for some further gains this week after a better feeling about the U.S. economy put investors in the mood to claw back a good sized chunk of the losses from the previous week. The TSX ran ahead 3.11 per cent last week despite disappointing employment data for Canada and the U.S. on Friday, a turnaround from the previous week when investors were consumed by worry about the U.S. economic revival. But investors found positive news in the U.S. data — the last two jobless reports weren't as bad as first appeared. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Nestor picks up another doubles title

Toronto's Daniel Nestor and Serbian partner Nenad Zimonjic won their eighth ATP title of the season with a 6-2, 6-3 victory over Americans Bob and Mike Bryan yesterday at the Swiss Indoors. The match lasted just 54 minutes. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Sports

Mickelson rallies to win

Phil Mickelson, left, won the HSBC Champions yesterday by rallying against a familiar foe, but it wasn't Tiger Woods. Mickelson made an 18-footer to save par on the 16th after whiffing on a flop shot, then holed a 10-foot birdie putt on the 17th to close with a 3-under 69, overcoming a late charge by Ernie Els, who was in the lead until making bogey on the final hole. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Buono's streak extended as Lions squeak into playoffs

CFL Wally Buono's playoff streak with the B.C. Lions remains intact.

The Lions clinched a CFL playoff berth yesterday when the Hamilton Tiger-Cats defeated Winnipeg 39-17. The win secured the Ticats (9-9) second spot in the East Division and the right to host B.C. in the conference semifinal Nov. 15.

Winnipeg (7-11) finished third in the East standings but lost the No. 3 seed because B.C. (8-10), which was fourth in the West Division, posted a better record.

It means Buono has made the playoffs all seven seasons he's been the Lions' head coach and general manager.

The CFL's winningest head coach (235 regular-season victories and counting) last missed the post-season in 2002 with the Calgary Stampeders, the only time in his 20-year head coaching career that Buono hasn't reached the playoffs.

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Matchup

- Calgary will host Edmonton in the West Division semifinal Nov. 15. The winner will travel to Regina to square off in the conference final at Mosaic Stadium on Nov. 22.

'02 Wings a unique team

Three more alumni will enter Hockey Hall of Fame tonight

In a salary cap system, it's hard to imagine there'll be another NHL team as powerful as the 2002 Detroit Red Wings.

There are as many as 10 players from that group that could one day be enshrined in the Hockey Hall of Fame — not to mention coach Scotty Bowman, who was inducted back in 1991. The official number will swell to four tonight when Steve Yzerman, Luc Robitaille and Brett Hull officially join Igor Larionov in the Hall.

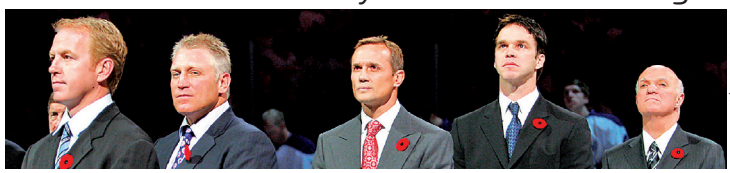
The former teammates all marvel at the special season they spent together.

"I don't think that could ever be put together ever again, you know," said Robitaille.

Brian Leetch and Lou Lamoriello will join the trio of former Red Wings in the Hall of Fame class of 2009.

Even though Robitaille will be remembered mostly for the time he spent with the Los Angeles Kings, the only time he lifted the Stanley Cup was as a member of the Red Wings back in the spring of 2002. That came after a five-game victory over Carolina in the championship series.

Robitaille and Hull were each nearing the end of their careers at that point and helped bolster an attack that featured Yzerman, Sergei Fedorov, Brendan Shanahan, Nicklas Lidstrom and a young Pavel Datsyuk. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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NHL Hall of Fame inductees Brian Leetch, from left, Brett Hull, Steve Yzerman, Luc Robitaille and Lou Lamoriello were honoured before the Maple Leafs hosted the Detroit Red Wings on Saturday.

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Sports in brief

RECOVERY Kitchener Rangers defenceman Ben Fanelli is continuing his recovery from a frightening bodycheck at home following his release from Hamilton General Hospital over the weekend. **NHLPA** Buzz Hargrove has stepped down as interim ombudsman of the National Hockey League Players' Association. The NHLPA made the announcement yesterday after receiving notice from Hargrove. **SOCCER** John Terry headed Chelsea to a 1-0 victory over Manchester United to extend the team's Premier League lead to five points yesterday, despite rarely threatening the defending champion.

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Speedskating Eyes on the prize

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Charles Hamelin, front, is pictured during one of his weekend races at the short-track speedskating World Cup in Montreal. Hamelin, of Levis, Que., won two gold medals as well as one bronze.

Bucs finally get in the win column

NFL Rookie Josh Freeman passed for 205 yards and three touchdowns yesterday, including a seven-yard throw to Sammie Stroughter on fourth-and-4, leading the previously winless Bucs to a 38-28 victory over the Green Bay Packers.

In his first pro start, the 17th pick in the draft out of Kansas State completed 14-of-31 passes with just one interception. A critical second pick was wiped out by a Green Bay penalty during the go-ahead drive.

The Bucs (1-7) were the last team in the NFL to win this season.

It was also the first victory for the league's youngest head coach, 33-year-old Raheem Morris, who replaced Jon Gruden after Tampa Bay went 0-4 in December and missed the playoffs last year.

Elsewhere it was: Arizona 41 Chicago 21; Atlanta 31 Washington 17; Cincinnati 17 Baltimore 7; Indianapolis 20 Houston 17; Jacksonville 24 Kansas City 21; New England 27 Miami 17; New Orleans 30 Carolina 20; San Diego 21 N.Y. Giants 20; Seattle 32 Detroit 20; and Tennessee 34 San Francisco 27.

Dallas visited Philadelphia in the late game.

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Vancouver Community College appoints new president
Vancouver Community College's board has named Kathy Kinloch as the school's new president. Kinloch comes to VCC from her current role as dean of health sciences at the British Columbia Institute of Technology. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Workology

New school at Waterloo

Last week, the University of Waterloo will launch the first school in North America focusing on environmentally responsible business and development. The School of Environment, Enterprise and Development aims to provide sustainable solutions to key local and global environmental, social, and development challenges through education, research, and training. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Surviving office gossip

Buzz can come in many forms and is often damaging to the workplace

Office gossip can go from mean to nasty to vitriolic with stunning speed, all the while staying subtle and scattergun enough to cause maximum havoc, a landmark new study has found.

And it's the under-the-radar invective at formal meetings, rather than the water cooler chit-chat, that carries the most venom, reported the study in the current Journal of Contemporary Ethnography.

But for office workers who pay attention, following the trail of blood left by those verbal knife wounds can be invaluable, study lead author Tim Hallett, assistant professor at Indiana University, said.

"Often people say, 'I can't tell how things get done.' If you're attentive, you can see who has the informal status. It can help you understand how work actually gets done."

Hallett's study used two years of hanging out in the teachers' lounge, studying videotapes of 13 meetings and shadowing administrators at an urban elementary school in the U.S. Midwest in the throes of adjusting to a new, feared and unpopular principal.

Though often restricted to water cooler chit-chat, office gossip carries the most venom and adds more to workplace dysfunction in the form of under-the-radar invective at formal meetings, a new study says.

In those 13 meetings, Hallett recorded 25 instances of gossip during the "business" part of the meeting, rather than the conversations before and after.

Researchers "were able to watch the power dynamics as the gossip unfolded" in an atmosphere of gossip masquerading as work.

If you're not attentive enough to see who has the informal status, you miss the spectacle of "reputational warfare" in which an oblique criticism of someone — in this case, the new principal — escalates as other people pile on with their own criticism.

High school again

- The study found adults more wily at badmouthing someone than, say, teenage girls in a lunchroom.

That phenomenon, in fact, is documented more closely in another study just published in the Journal of Experimental Social Psychology which describes blame as contagious.

"When people blame others for their mistakes, they learn less and perform worse," said study author Nathanael Fast of the University of Southern California.

The teachers in their staff room argued gossip was their only weapon left against the principal, who left job advertisements in the mailboxes of teachers she wanted to shake up.

"It can be easy to miss. The teachers were good at cloaking the gossip." The more important the target, the study found, the more indirect the gossip.

How to combat it? "You're not there, so you have to rely on friends when people are talking behind your back. There's only one opportunity when you've got to challenge them. Otherwise, people jump in and it becomes increasingly negative."

Changing the subject, tossing in a positive comment or reminding gossipers that the past wasn't all that rosy are ways of deflecting the damage, Hallett said. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Workology in brief

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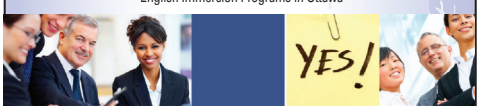

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Newfoundland and Labrador tries to attract youth

Newfoundland and Labrador Premier Danny Williams announced last week the launch of a provincial youth retention and attraction strategy. Developed in collaboration with youth, the strategy is aimed at strengthening the labour market among other things. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Resumés get the twice-over: Survey

JOB APPLICATION It's usually flattering when someone hangs on your every word. For job seekers, this kind of scrutiny takes on a whole new meaning. According to a new survey by OfficeTeam, executives spend more than six minutes, on average, screening each resumé received. Considering these documents are usually only one or two pages in length, this suggests many are being examined with a fine-toothed comb.

"Executives are paying extra attention to application materials to avoid costly hiring mistakes — something no company can afford," said Robert Hosking, executive director of OfficeTeam. "To improve their chances of passing the initial screening process, job seekers should craft resumés that are accurate, clear and error-free."

Some tips:

- **Get off to a good start:** Be specific and concise when describing past accomplishments and highlight these achievements up front.
- **Tailor the content:** Customize your resumé so it speaks directly to a potential employer's needs.
- **Do the two-minute test:** Ask a friend or family member to review your resumé and summarize its key points for you. Make sure the most valuable information is being conveyed to readers.

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Articulation: 'The best of both worlds'

JON TATTRIE
for Metro Canada

Articulation agreements between colleges and universities allows students to make their education mobile, starting at one and switching to another midstream to track developing career plans. While such arrangements are newer in Ontario and Nova Scotia, they've been happening for decades in Alberta.

When colleges and universities collaborate, students can get "the best of both worlds."

McMaster University and Mohawk College, both in Hamilton, Ont., recently teamed up to offer a Bachelor of Technology Program. Alan Murray, executive director of the partnership, says it enables students to get a merged four-year Bachelor of Technology degree from McMaster and a Diploma in Technology from Mohawk, or a university degree completion for graduates of a three-year diploma.

The integrated program "meshes the best of both worlds," giving students a broad education ranging from ethics to work placements. "Basically, the graduates are ready to hit the ground running."

Ron Woodward heads the Alberta Council on Admissions and Transfers, the body that facilitates more than 60,000 "transfer agreements" between Alberta education institutions. It's been operating since 1974.

"The fundamental difference in Alberta is we operate both at a course and a program level. A student starting at a college will be able to transfer some or all of those courses to another institution, be it a college or a university," Woodward says. A student may start at a local college and decide to study at the University of Alberta. A university student might decide to focus on a trade and switch to a college.

The agreements mean students can move across the province and between institutions while bringing their education with them.

"In Alberta, almost half of the transactions do not involve a university. It's college to college, college to technical institute," he says.

"Increasingly, the universities are becoming sending institutes, not receiving. The landscape is changing tremendously."

In all cases, the diploma or degree comes from the receiving institution. "It's absolutely critical what you learn at the sending institution prepares you for success at the receiving institution," Woodward says.

The Nova Scotia Community College has articulation agreements with post-secondary institutes across Canada and the U.S. A popular choice is the "two plus two" block transfer, where a student study at NSCC for two years and transfer to a university, earning a degree/diploma in four years while taking advantage of the college's lower tuition fees and more work-centric approach.

Learn more at:

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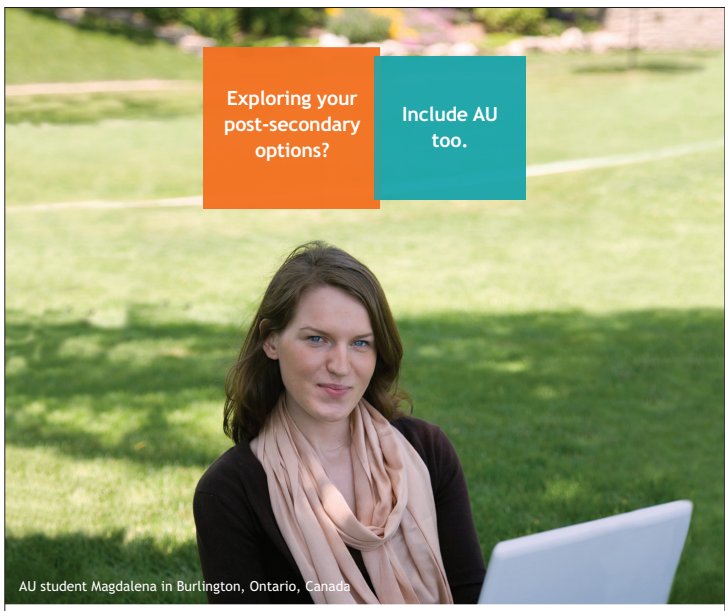

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University of Toronto students hold rallies in support of blind professor
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Like mapping the wild west for water

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As a child growing up in Mexico, Alfonso Rivera used to look out his window waiting for the rain to start. He loved seeing how the rainy season would transform cracked, dry dirt into to moist mud. "I would smell the soil and put it on my tongue."

He forgot about the mingling of water and earth when he did an undergraduate degree in civil engineering. But soon he became interested in hydraulics and underground water and ended up doing his PhD in Paris in hydrogeology — the study of groundwater and how it moves through underground rock.

This relatively new science — it's less than a hundred years old — was in demand in Europe after Rivera finished his studies. Companies were looking for underground places to safely store wastewater from nuclear power plants, so he kept busy for nearly 15 years studying rock formations and aquifers in Germany, Switzerland and France.

Then, in 1999, he heard about a job in Canada. The Geological Survey of Canada, which is part of Natural Resources Canada, wanted to do a groundwater inventory of the whole country. This was a unique opportunity; most of the groundwater across Europe and the U.S. is already mapped.

"It makes me feel like those adventurers who went west in the 18th and 19th centuries," says Rivera, who got the job, became fluent in English — his fourth language — and fell in love with Canada and Quebec City, where he lives.

To map out an aquifer, hydrogeolgists go to an area where groundwater is suspected — Rivera can tell from looking at a landscape merely from the window of a helicopter what might lie beneath — and drill small wells called piezometers from which they collect water to test it and measure its pressure.

Using numerous piezometers over a few months, Rivera can construct a mathematical model that helps him map out where water lies underground.

In his current job, however, he spends most of his time in the office. He deals with data and mathematical models and spends a few hours each days communicating with his staff across the country. He's also the scientific editor of two academic journals, so he reads, writes and edits each day.

As well, as a professor at Laval University, he devotes about one day a week to working with his masters and PhD students.

This new field is a busy one, with not enough hydrogeologists for the work available.

"As soon as we have a student finish a masters degree, they're already gone before they're done their thesis."

As a hydrogeologist, Alfonso Rivera collects water from across Canada to test it and measure its pressure.

Diane Peters once hawked magic pens at the Canadian National Exhibition. She's now a writer and part-time journalism instructor.

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Boyle to appear on Dancing with the Stars

Susan Boyle is set to dazzle the Dancing with the Stars crowd – with her singing, not her dancing feet. The Scottish singer, 48, will fly to Los Angeles for an appearance on the hit show early this week. **PEOPLE.COM**

Entertainment

New collection

Nicole Richie has created a credit-crunch friendly jewelry collection. She has produced an exclusive collection of House of Harlow 1960 jewels for website Bebe.com.

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Box office

1. **A Christmas Carol:** $31 million US
2. **Michael Jackson's This Is It:** $14 million
3. **The Men Who Stare At Goat:** $13.3 million
4. **The Fourth Kind:** $12.5 million
5. **Paranormal Activity:** $8.6 million
6. **The Box:** $7.9 million
7. **Couples Retreat:** $6.4 million
8. **Law Abiding Citizen:** $6.2 million
9. **Where the Wild Things Are:** $4.2 million
10. **Astro Boy** $2.6 million

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Spotlight on New Moon

CHRIS ALEXANDER
for Metro Canada

The allure of the vampire is as eternal as its lifespan. Who in their right mind wouldn't want to cheat death, to survive the centuries, observing the turning of the Earth indefinitely?

The fact that you'd have to be denied the shining of the sun and be forced to feed off the blood of the living is only a mild annoyance.

It's that fantastical headspace that Stephenie Meyer has capitalized on, anyway.

Meyer's Twilight series — which tells of the adventures of the undead Cullen clan and the young mortal girl who becomes entwined in their lives — was a runaway success whose parlay into film last year only increased its cult of obsessive admirers.

Actress Nikki Reed plays the vampire character Rosali in the Twilight sequel New Moon.

Now, with the impending release of the Twilight sequel New Moon (opening across North America on Nov. 20), the young cast who make up its motley crew of bloodsuckers, werewolves and victims both willing and unwilling are preparing for even more international exposure.

But, as co-star Jackson Rathbone tells Metro, sometimes the spotlight can be scary.

"During the filming of New Moon, I decided to go across the street from my hotel and get a coffee," says Rathbone, who reprises his role as the gentle, adoptive undead brother of actor Robert Pattinson's lead vamp Edward Cullen.

"Suddenly I was cornered by a half dozen paparazzi, then a massive wave of fans came over and demanded autographs. Then, out of nowhere, without saying a word, a woman hands me her two-year-old kid and starts snapping pictures. Here I am looking at this kid and he's looking at me and neither of us know what's going on. I felt like chum at a feeding frenzy."

Taking over directing reigns for New Moon from Twilight's Catherine Hardwicke is filmmaker Chris Weitz (About a Boy, The Golden Compass). As actress Nikki Reed states, Weitz's vision is much different and more appropriate for New Moon's darker tone and expansive narrative.

"There are way more special effects in this one, " says Reed, who's beautiful, blond and unapologetically vampiric character Rosalie still sneers at her brother Edward's affections for the human Bella (Kristen Stewart).

"I think because of his experience handling huge amounts of FX in The Golden Compass he found a fantastic balance between the drama and the visuals. He came to the project with answers and solutions and that's what we needed."

On the web

- Visit metronews.ca to see a clip of Jacob — played by actor Taylor Lautner — transforming into a werewolf.

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Little Mosque on the Prairie

There are few things more upsetting to a person of the cloth than the destruction of a religious icon. So when Yasir breaks Thorne's statue of Jesus, he quickly takes steps to replace it before anyone can find out. The outcome is not what he bargained for in the new episode "Handle With Care." 8:30 PM on 8 CBC

Heroes

Claire is determined to get to the bottom of the Sorority Rush attacks, but when he tries to intervene, H.R.G. realizes he may be the source of Claire's troubles. Sylar's battle to gain full control of Matt's body escalates in the new episode "Shadowboxing." 8 PM on 9 NBC; 10 PM on 3 GTV

Trauma

Following your heart can be hazardous to your health as Glenn discovers when operating on emotion jeopardizes his safety and career. An old friend (guest star Wes Brown) surprises Marisa with a visit. Rabbit helps a patient deal with a major loss in the new episode "That Fragile Hour." 9 PM on 15 CITY 9 NBC

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Usher is officially single

After filing for divorce earlier this year, Usher is officially a single man again, usmagazine.com reports. The singer and Tameka Foster had been married in August of 2007, but separated in July of 2008 according to court documents. METRO WORLD NEWS

Celebrity Buzz

Swift dishes in SNL monologue

FUNNY GIRL Taylor Swift didn't leave anyone out of her monologue when she hosted Saturday Night Live on the weekend, usmagazine.com reports.

Although most hosts perform monologues written by the show's team of writers, the 19-year-old country crooner wrote her intro herself, Swift's rep confirms to usmagazine.com.

The singer dished on ex-boyfriends, rumoured flames and — of course — Kanye West in an opening monologue song titled, Monologue Song (La La La).

After mentioning how she loves baking and things that smell like winter, she also sang that she liked writing songs "about douchebags who cheat on me ... so they're ashamed to go in public" when she mentions their names.

One name in particular? Joe Jonas, her ex-boyfriend, whom she has claimed dumped her in a 27-second phone call.

"You might think I'd bring up Joe, that guy who broke up with me on my phone, but I'm not going to mention him," she sings. "Hey Joe, I'm doing real well. Tonight I'm hosting SNL, but I'm not going to brag about that."

Another shout-out was to rumoured beau, New Moon's Taylor Lautner.

"And if you're wondering if I might be dating a werewolf from Twilight," she sings before looking into the camera and mouthing, "Hi, Taylor." She then blew a kiss and winked.

As she did in promos the week of her SNL hosting gig, she took a shot at West, who ambushed her onstage during the MTV Video Music Awards this fall.

"You might be expecting me to say something bad about Kanye," she said, looking sad. "But everything's okay. I've got security lining the stage."

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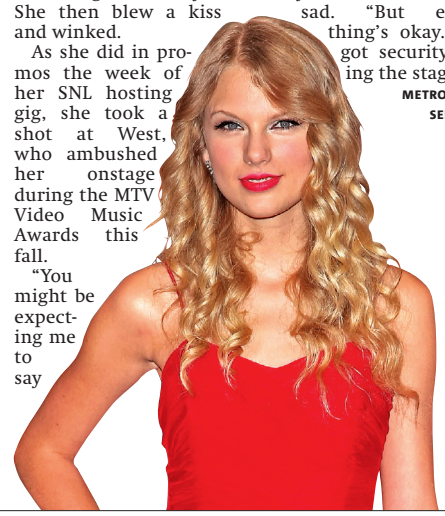

Pattinson admits he's not romantic

WIMPY HEARTTHROB Robert Pattinson may be a global heartthrob, but when it comes to his own romantic exploits, the Twilight star admits he can be a bit wimpy, people.com reports.

"I can't think of a single romantic thing that I've ever done," Pattinson said while promoting the latest installment of the vampire series, New Moon.

"I would never serenade someone to be romantic — you have to have so much balls to do that. I put a flower in someone's locker when I was 15- years-old, this girl called Maria.She thought that it was someone else and the other guy claimed it as well, which is great."

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Celebrity tweets

Tila Tequila takes on the haters, Ryan Seacrest is looking to broaden his interests, Heidi Montag is packing heat and Sean "P. Diddy" Combs is really excited about his weekend plans.

@officialTila
So if u dont like me, thats fine....but u dont have to bash on me for being Bisexual & trying to do a lot of work for charity.

@RyanSeacrest
i gotta watch more women's soccer...they're feisty!

@heidimontag
shooting in the gun range!!!!! i love shooting knowing how to defend myself is so important!!

@iamdiddy
Bb kings sat night be rockin! Believe that! Let's go! Goin to get chicken and waffles!

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Kidman doesn't play it 'safe' in love

A RISK TAKER Nicole Kidman doesn't ever want a "safe" love life, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The actress — who was wed to actor Tom Cruise for 10 years and is now married to country singer Keith Urban — always opts for "extreme" romances and movies because she would hate to have a boring life.

She said: "In the end I hope my life will be a mix of extreme love and bold artistic choices. I've never wanted to be safe. I've never chosen safe relationships. And I've never chosen safe films."

The 42-year-old actress is so keen to make a point, she actively "seeks out" film roles she will be criticized for.

She explained: "If you're taking risks it isn't always going to work, and. .. it hurts sometimes. But I have a career where I have had to weather the storms. It's become second nature to me. I'm used to my roles and the movies I'm in being criticized. I seek it out. In my life I do not seek out a safe place."

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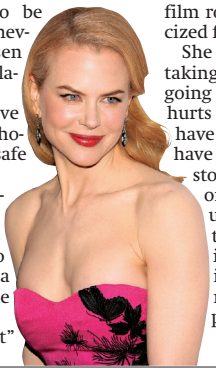

Cibrian taking rumours to court

GETTING EVEN Eddie Cibrian has had enough with the tabloids claiming that he's cheating on LeAnn Rimes — and he's taking one to court. "Unfortunately Life & Style Magazine has chosen to go out with a story filled with inaccuracies and deceitful lies, presumably to titillate sales," a statement from Cibrian's reps reads.

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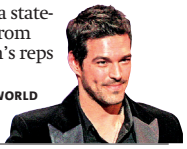

Joe wants money from son Jackson's estate

CASHING IN Joe Jackson thinks the estate of his late son, Michael Jackson, should be paying him a monthly allowance, and he's gone to court to ask for it.

Jackson, who reportedly receives $1,700 US a month in Social Security payments, is seeking funds to cover $15,000 a month in expenses. "He does not have a regular or steady source of income, and he was dependent upon the money provided by his son, Michael Jackson, through his wife, Katherine Jackson, for his support," his court filing states, according to the New York Daily News.

While Michael's will made provisions for his mother and children, there was no mention of his father, with whom he had a notoriously difficult relationship.

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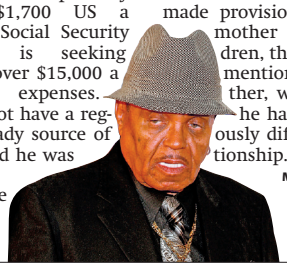

Brown keeps mum on the Rihanna assault

RIGHT TO PRIVACY Despite the fact that he was found guilty of assaulting her, Chris Brown takes exception to Rihanna discussing the event in interviews, including her chat with Diane Sawyer last week. "While I respect Rihanna's right to discuss the specific events of Feb. 8, I maintain my position that all of the details should remain a private matter between us," Brown says in a statement to MTV News.

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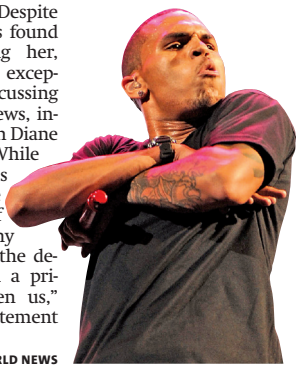

Prince and Davy on again?

A CLOSE PAIR Prince Harry and on-off girlfriend Chelsy Davy seemed very much on again when they attended a rugby match on Saturday, people.com reports.

Although they initially sat apart at the contest between England and Australia in London, the two gravitated toward each other before the match ended in victory for Australia. Photographs captured Davy, 24, leaning in to chat with the prince, 25, while both animatedly watched the action on the field.

When they split in January, some friends said they would always remain close, while others opined the parting would never last. The latter prediction appears to have come true.

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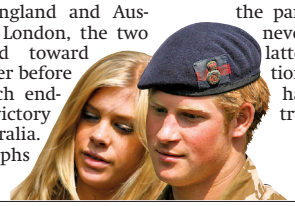

Bar denies Duritz a song

CLOSING TIME Counting Crows front-man Adam Duritz was denied by a karaoke bar in Savannah, Ga., when offered to take the stage and belt out a few tunes, according to Page Six. Duritz showed up with girlfriend Emmy Rossum, in town for the Savannah Film Festival, and was looking forward to serenading the crowd, but the bar's managers told him it was almost closing time and he would have to come back another night.

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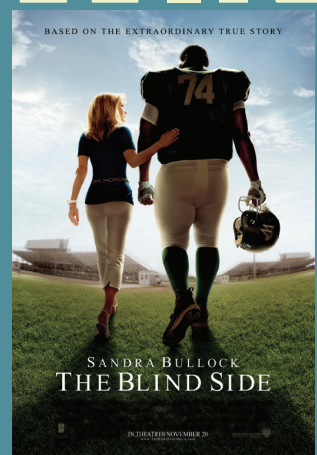

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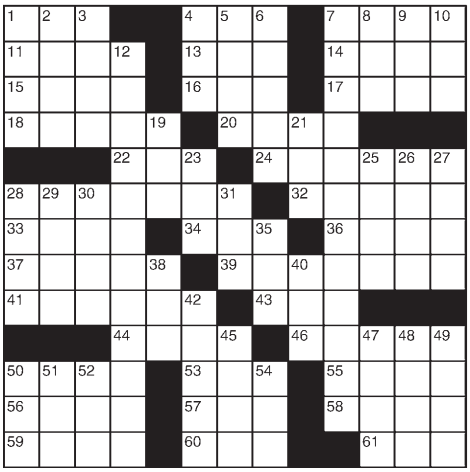

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52 Cacophony
54 Neither partner

Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

7	4						1	9
		2	6		7	4		
8								6
		4	2		3	9		
2								3
		1	9		4	8		
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		5	8		1	3		
1	3						5	4

PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

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1	7	5	4	6	9	8	3	2
6	2	4	5	3	8	1	7	9
9	8	3	2	7	1	4	5	6
3	9	6	1	4	2	7	8	5
7	4	2	8	5	6	3	9	1
5	1	8	7	9	3	6	2	4

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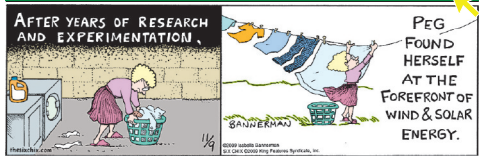

Metro Recipe of the Day

Mustard-mayo halibut with tarragon-orange zucchini

INGREDIENTS:

1 tbsp (15 mL) olive oil
4 zucchini, halved
4 Pacific halibut fillets
4 tbsp (60 mL) mayonnaise
2 tsp (10 mL) Dijon mustard
leaves from 2 sprigs of fresh tarragon
Zest of 1 orange
Orange wedges, to serve

METHOD:

1. Preheat broiler to high. Brush ovenproof dish with oil and lay zucchini inside, cut side down. Brush with oil and broil 3 minutes. Turn zucchini, brush with oil and cook 4-5 minutes or until browned and tender. Set aside in dish.
2. While zucchini are broiling, prepare halibut. Brush grill pan with oil and put fillets in, skin side down. Mix mayonnaise and mustard, then spread this evenly over fish. Put pan under broiler and cook about 5 minutes. Topping should be golden and fish firm and cooked through. If fish begins to brown too quickly in first 1-2 minutes of cooking, lower pan so that it is farther away from heat.
3. Sprinkle tarragon and orange zest over zucchini. Transfer halibut to warm plates and add zucchini. Garnish with orange wedges and serve.

SERVES 4

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ARIES ♈
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
Venus is not only moving through the area of your chart that governs business and financial matters but today aspects Pluto, planet of wealth.

TAURUS ♉
APRIL 21-MAY 21
You'll find it easier than usual to make the first move in personal relationships. If you don't let good feelings out they might turn bad.

GEMINI ♊
MAY 22-JUNE 21
Because you have been focusing in one direction you may have missed some of the other things that have been going on in the world around you.

CANCER ♋
JUNE 22-JULY 22
Venus, planet of harmony, is very much on your side at the moment and all sorts of people want to be nice to you.

LEO ♌
JULY 23-AUG 23
Try to be more understanding of someone who has let you down and incurred your anger.

VIRGO ♍
AUG 24-SEPT 22
Why do you keep looking back and brooding on things that are over and done with? Whatever the reason you have got to snap out of it.

LIBRA ♎
SEPT 23-OCT 23
If you need financial help now is the time to speak up. The planets indicate that if you make your pitch over the next 24 hours you will get what you ask for.

SCORPIO ♏
OCT 24-NOV 22
Venus in your birth sign, allied to your ruler Pluto, will boost your confidence no end today.

SAGITTARIUS ♐
NOV 23-DEC 21
You may be ambitious but you are advised not to be too pushy today or you could undo some of the good work you have done in recent weeks.

CAPRICORN ♑
DEC 22-JAN 20
Today's cosmic alignments urge you to form alliances with people who share your aims and ambitions.

AQUARIUS ♒
JAN 21-FEB 18
If you need to ask a favor of someone in a position of authority go right up to them today and ask away.

PISCES ♓
FEB 19-MARCH 20
This is one of the best times for a long time to be on the move, and the more people you meet on your travels today the more likely it is you will learn something.

This day in history

1620: Pilgrims aboard the Mayflower sight land at Cape Cod, Mass.
1729: Spain, France and Great Britain sign the Treaty of Seville.
1861: The first documented football match in Canada is played at University College, University of Toronto.
1906: Theodore Roosevelt is the first sitting President of the United States to make an official trip outside the country. He did so to inspect progress on the Panama Canal.
1998: Capital punishment in the United Kingdom, already abolished for murder, is completely abolished for all remaining capital offences.

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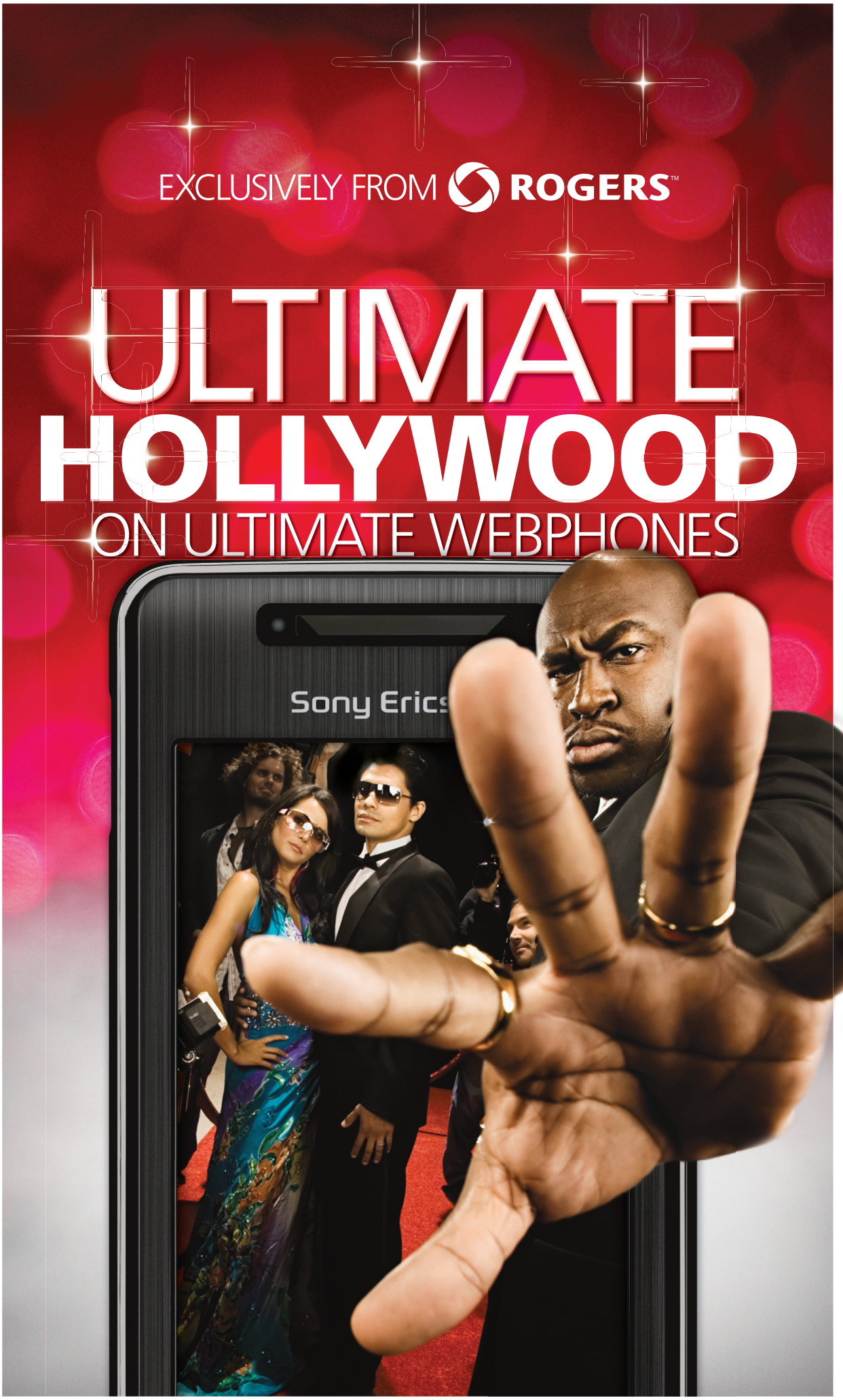
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